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HM?
HEY NOUKA!
LET'S GO EAT LUNCH IN THE CLUB ROOM!
HMM...
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GION
I'll treat you to lunch so come hang out with us today
OH, GOOD IDEA!
ANYONE ELSE COMIN'?
YEAH, I'LL CALL 'EM!
ALL RIGHT!

ALL OUT!!

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#70 FULL OF HOLES

WELL, YOU SEE,
THERE'S ACTUALLY SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT...
GIMME A BITE.
NO WAY!
EGG SANDWICHES ARE CRAZY GOOD!
I KNOW, STUPID!
KIBI! WHY THE HELL'D YOU INVITE GION?
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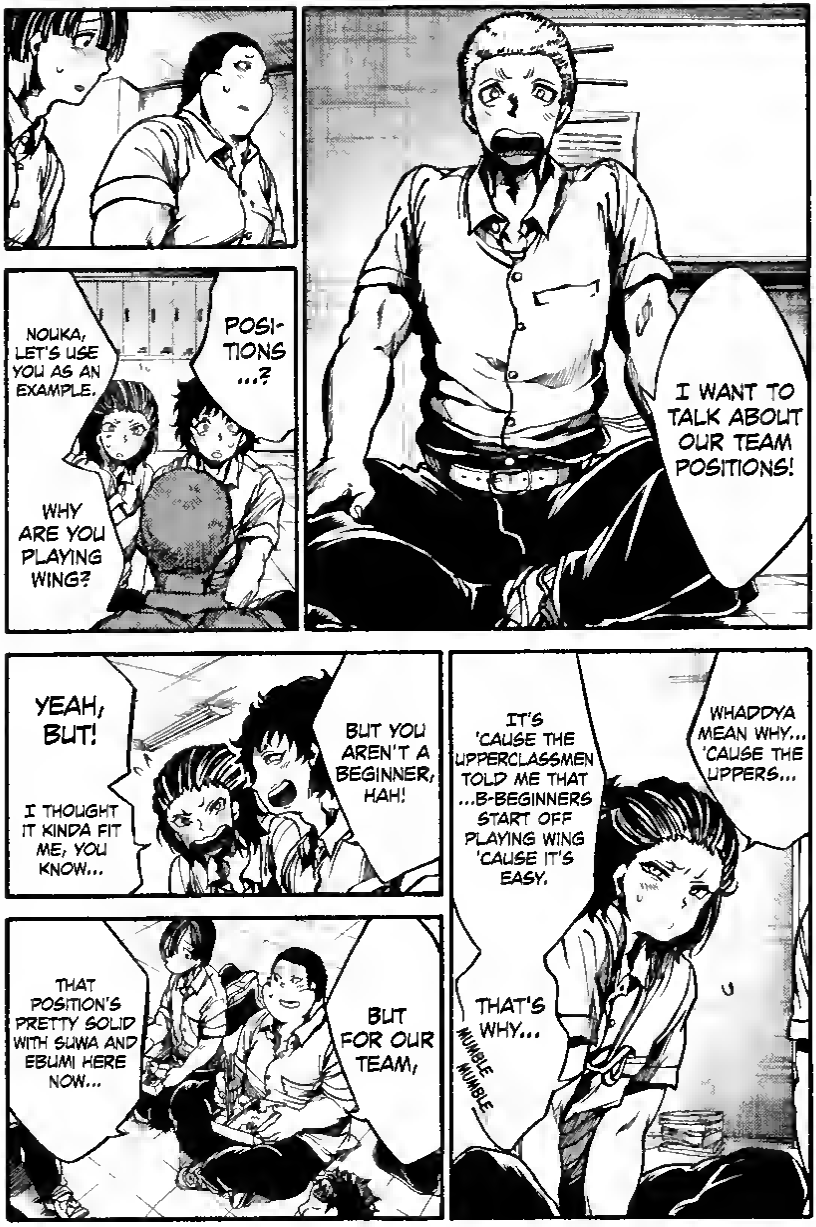
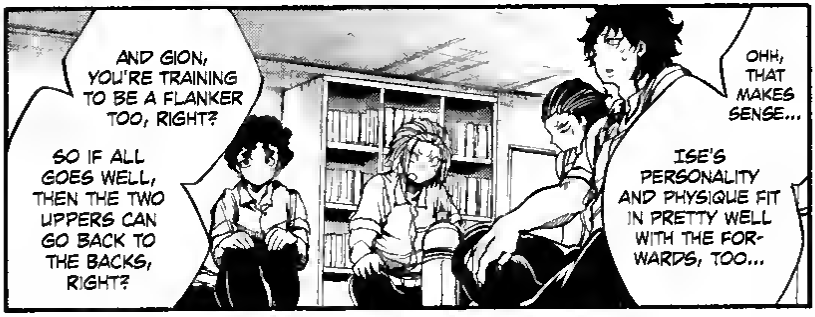
T/N: HE'S JOKING BY CALLING HIM SENPAI THEY'RE ALL 2ND YEARS ASIDE FROM GION

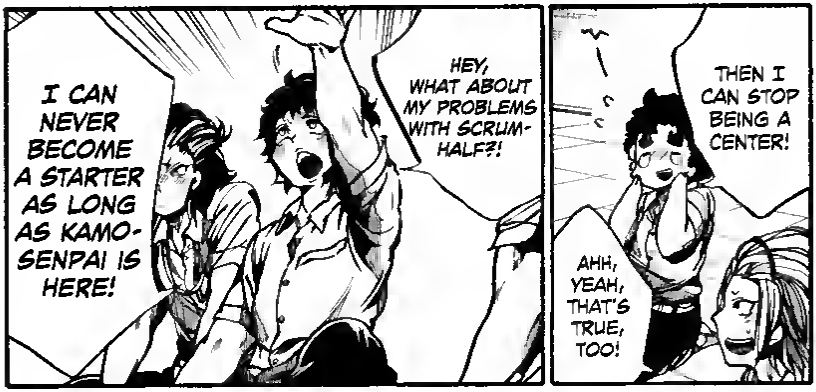

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT OUR TEAM POSITIONS!
POSI-TIONS ...?
NOUKA, LET'S USE YOU AS AN EXAMPLE.
WHY ARE YOU PLAYING WING?
BUT YOU AREN'T A BEGINNER, HAH!
YEAH, BUT!
I THOUGHT IT KINDA FIT ME, YOU KNOW...
WHADDYA MEAN WHY... 'CAUSE THE UPPERS...
IT'S 'CAUSE THE UPPERCLASSMEN TOLD ME THAT ...B-BEGINNERS START OFF PLAYING WING 'CAUSE IT'S EASY.
THAT'S WHY...
MUMBLE MUMBLE
BUT FOR OUR TEAM,
THAT POSITION'S PRETTY SOLID WITH SUWA AND EBUMI HERE NOW...

WE'VE GOT ISE AND TAKEBE FOR THAT, NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT KASUGA-SENPAI AND HYOSU-SENPAI ORIGINALLY PLAYED CENTER, TOO.
ISE
KASUGA
HYOSU
YEAH I GUESS SO! I CAN ALSO PLAY CENTER IF NEEDED, BUT...

YEAH, OUR YEAR ACTUALLY HAS A LOT OF WINGERS.
MARUDO'S A WING, TOO.

WHAT?!
REALLY?!
THAT TOUGH GUY SENPAI (ISE) SAID HE WANTED TO BECOME A FLANKER!


AND GION, YOU'RE TRAINING TO BE A FLANKER TOO, RIGHT?
SO IF ALL GOES WELL, THEN THE TWO UPPERS CAN GO BACK TO THE BACKS, RIGHT?
OHH, THAT MAKES SENSE...
ISE'S PERSONALITY AND PHYSIQUE FIT IN PRETTY WELL WITH THE FORWARDS, TOO...


I CAN NEVER BECOME A STARTER AS LONG AS KAMO-SENPAI IS HERE!
HEY, WHAT ABOUT MY PROBLEMS WITH SCRUM-HALF?!
THEN I CAN STOP BEING A CENTER!
AHH, YEAH, THAT'S TRUE, TOO!

AND THAT STARTING PLAYER SITUATION APPLIES TO ATSUTA AND HIS POSITION, TOO.
YEAH...
PRETTY MUCH...
SUMI-YOSHI...
YOU'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD, SO THAT SUCKS.
WHADDYA MEAN "ACTU-ALLY"?!
AHH, SO, ABOUT THAT...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT MY OPTIONS.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KIBI?
YOU OVERLAP WITH KIFUNE FOR THE FULLBACK POSITION.
BUT I THINK I WANT TO LEARN SOME OTHER POSITIONS TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE!
I'M NOT GOING TO QUIT PLAYING FULL-BACK,

YOU STARTED OFF PLAYING WING, BUT THEN AT SOME POINT YOU SUDDENLY SWITCHED TO FLANKER, RIGHT?
WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO SWITCH?
MMGH
GION!
BUGOH?!
SPEAKING OF WHICH!
AT FIRST IT WAS BECAUSE OOHARANO SAID I SEEMED LIKE THE FLANKER TYPE!
HAHA!
SERI-OUSLY ?!
OH, SORRY, SORRY.
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HM...

NO?
HAVEN'T YOU EVER FELT AFRAID OVER THERE?
BUT THE FORWARDS ARE FILLED WITH HUGE GUYS, YOU KNOW?
AND THEIR JOBS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE BACKS...
IT'S EASY TO GET HURT THERE,
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GONNA DIE, SO...
IT'S A TOUGH JOB TO UNDERSTAND, BUT EVERYONE'S BEEN TEACHING ME...
BIG GUYS ACTUALLY PISS ME OFF, SO I ACTUALLY LIKE THAT THE POSITION'S GOOD FOR TACKLING THEM.

I'M ACTUALLY ...
WAY MORE SCARED OF BEING TOLD THAT I'M NOT NEEDED.

I WANNA BE JUST LIKE HIM!
SO THE PAIN AND FEAR DON'T MATTER TO ME AT ALL NOW!
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THIS ONE GUY I REALLY RESPECT IS A FLANKER!
ALSO!
WHOA!
ARE YOU CRYING?!
DESPITE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, YOU REALLY DO THINK YOUR ACTIONS THROUGH...
I SEE...
OHH...
I AM, TOO!
I...
I...

I REALLY AM...
THINKING HARD ABOUT IT, TOO!
ALL THE FIRST YEARS ARE MAKING IT ONTO THE STARTING ROSTER!
I'M ACTUALLY MAD ABOUT THAT!
I KNOW THINGS CAN'T KEEP GOING ON LIKE THEY ARE!
I THOUGHT MAYBE IT WAS 'CAUSE WE'RE ALL SO USELESS, AND THEY WERE MAD ABOUT IT,
OR SOME-THING...
AND I NOTICED THAT THE UPPERS HAVE BEEN...
IN KIND OF A BAD MOOD LATELY...

I DON'T LIKE PAIN AND FEAR!
THEY MATTER A LOT TO ME!!
BUT I'M NOT LIKE GION!
YOU KNOW ?!
I WANT TO BE USEFUL TOO, OF COURSE!
BUT I'M TRYING!
I JUST CAN'T COMPARE TO EBUMI OR SUWAAA!!
BUT!

I HAD NO IDEA YOU'D PUT THAT MUCH THOUGHT INTO IT ALL!
NOUKA, I'M SORRY!
I'M REALLY SORRY!
SORRY FOR JUST BEING AVERAGE!!
HEY, COME ON! DON'T CRY, NOUKA!
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BECAUSE AT THIS RATE...
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HEY, KIBI,
WHY'D YOU WANT TO BRING UP THIS TOPIC ALL OF A SUDDEN?

I THINK OUR TEAM IS GONNA BE FULL OF HOLES...
NEXT YEAR,
IWASHI IS HOLDING DOWN LOCK FOR NOW.
WE DON'T HAVE A HOOKER.
BUT WE DON'T HAVE A NUMBER 8....
FOR FLANKERS, LET'S SAY THAT WE HAVE ISE AND GION THERE.
ATSUTA WILL PLAY PROP.
YEAH... AND I THINK THE OTHER WILL BE MIKAMI...

WE'LL BE GETTING NEW INCOMING STUDENTS, TOO.
WE CAN'T HAVE FOUR WINGERS ALL IN THE SAME GRADE LEVEL, YOU KNOW?
.....
I WANNA...
PLAY IN A MATCH...

YEAH...
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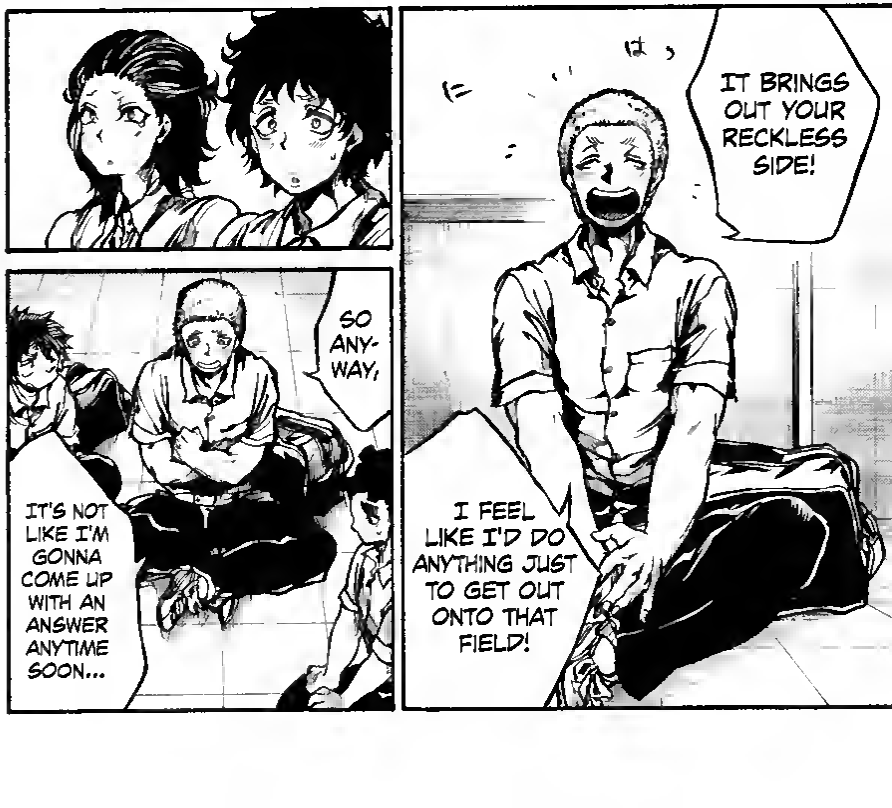
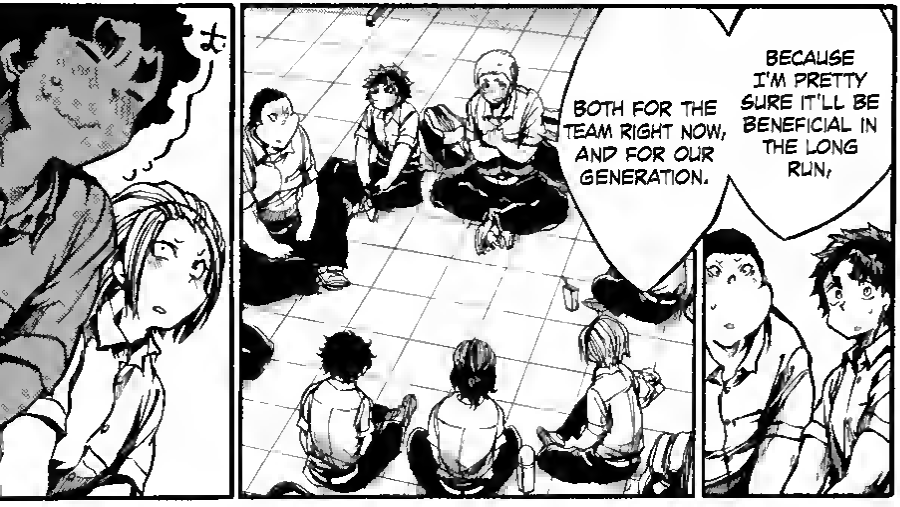
UNLESS YOU PLAY IN A REAL MATCH...
BECAUSE THERE'S A BUNCH OF STUFF YOU WILL NEVER KNOW...
PRETTY DEJECTED ...
HONESTLY, WHEN I WAS TAKEN OFF THE STARTING ROSTER AT THE TRAINING CAMP,
I REALLY DID FEEL...
BUT IT WAS STILL LIKE, "AH MAN, I GUESS I'M NOT NEEDED HERE ANYMORE..."
SO THEN I GOT SCARED AND DEPRESSED, AND THE DISAPPOINTMENT OVERTOOK ME.
HOW DO I PUT THIS...
KIFUNE'S REALLY GOOD, YOU SEE... SO IT'S NOT EXACTLY LIKE WHAT GION WAS SAYING BEFORE.
AH!
NO, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, KIFUNE!

BUT I KNOW YOU USED TO BE IN MY POSITION,
SO I'M SURE YOU'VE THOUGHT THE SAME THINGS BEFORE.
BUT YOU KNOW,
NOT BEING ABLE TO PLAY IN A MATCH BRINGS OUT AN-OTHER SIDE...


IT BRINGS OUT YOUR RECKLESS SIDE!
I FEEL LIKE I'D DO ANYTHING JUST TO GET OUT ONTO THAT FIELD!
SO ANY-WAY,
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GONNA COME UP WITH AN ANSWER ANYTIME SOON...

BUT FOR STARTERS,
WHAT I WANTED TO DO WITH YOU ALL...
WAS TO BRAINSTORM ALL THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS WE HAVE AND WORK ON GETTING THEM DONE.

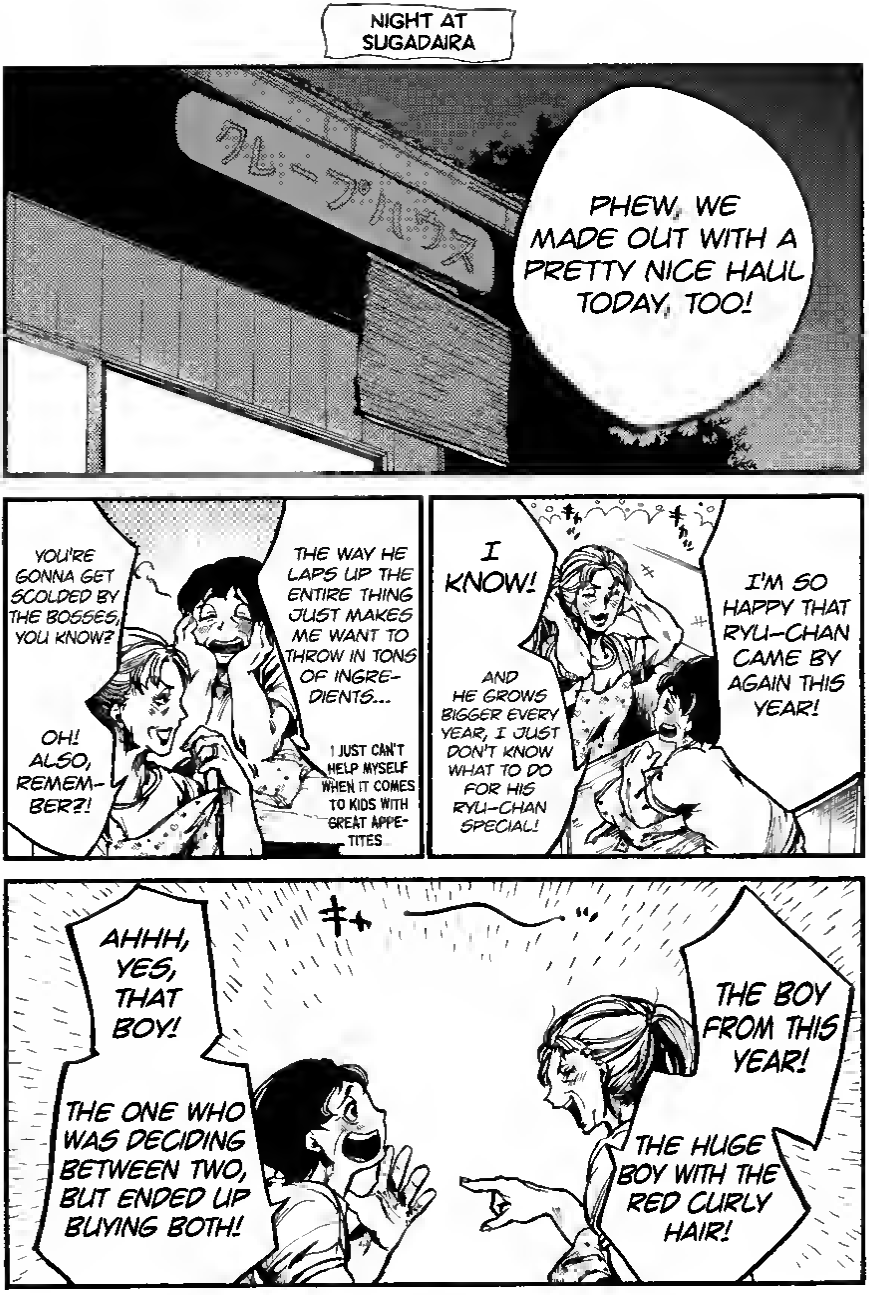

BECAUSE I'M PRETTY SURE IT'LL BE BENEFICIAL IN THE LONG RUN,
BOTH FOR THE TEAM RIGHT NOW, AND FOR OUR GENERATION.

THAT'S REALLY OUT OF THE BLUE!
IN THAT CASE, I'LL PLAY HOOKER!
AND IT'S DEFINITELY NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU!
I GOT SOMETHING TO SAY!
HERE!
WHAT THE HECK, TAKEBE?!
WHOA!
SUWA
SUWA'S PRETTY TALL, SO HOW ABOUT WE MAKE HIM THE LOCK?
PFF!
AHAHA! I CAN TOTALLY SEE THAT!
WELL THEN KIBI, HOW ABOUT YOU PLAY #8?
I'LL FATTEN UP STARTING NOW!
HUH?!
DON'T BE CRAZY!!
WE AREN'T PLAYING "FILL IN THE HOLES" HERE!
ACTUALLY, KIBI DOES HAVE THE MUSCLE FIT TO BE IN THE FORWARDS.
YOU GUYS GOTTA CALM DOWN!

IT'S ACTUALLY COMMON TO SEE GUYS OF ATSUTA'S WEIGHT AS WINGERS ON FOREIGN TEAMS.
THINKING ABOUT THESE THINGS MAKES IT REAL INTERESTING!
SEEMS LIKE HE COULD DO IT, RIGHT?
NO WAY!
HIYOSHI STATION... HIYOSHI...

ALL OUT!! VOL. 10 / END
SIGN: KEIJO HIGH SCHOOL

DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU TURN INTO COWS!


NIGHT AT SUGADAIRA
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PHEW, WE MADE OUT WITH A PRETTY NICE HAUL TODAY, TOO!
YOU'RE GONNA GET SCOLDED BY THE BOSSES, YOU KNOW?
OH! ALSO, REMEMBER?
THE WAY HE LAPS UP THE ENTIRE THING JUST MAKES ME WANT TO THROW IN TONS OF INGREDIENTS...
I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF WHEN IT COMES TO KIDS WITH GREAT APPETITES
I KNOW!
AND HE GROWS BIGGER EVERY YEAR, I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO FOR HIS RYU-CHAN SPECIAL!
I'M SO HAPPY THAT RYU-CHAN CAME BY AGAIN THIS YEAR!
AHHH, YES, THAT BOY!
THE ONE WHO WAS DECIDING BETWEEN TWO, BUT ENDED UP BUYING BOTH!
THE BOY FROM THIS YEAR!
THE HUGE BOY WITH THE RED CURLY HAIR!

OH MY, WE SHOULD PROBABLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. MAYBE WE SHOULD MAKE A SPECIAL MENU FOR GLUTTONOUS BIG BOYS FOR NEXT YEAR?
OHH, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!
IF RYU-CHAN OR THE RED-HAIRED BOY COME AGAIN TOMORROW, WE SHOULD ASK THEM WHAT THEY THINK! FOR REFERENCE!